

Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation

SCTP HANDBOOK



Preparing today's youth to become the leaders of tomorrow



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WELCOME

ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Welcome to the 10th Anniversary Season of the Scholastic Clay Target Program! The 2010 Season of the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP) is going to be the most exciting, ever.

SPONSOR

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc. (SSSF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational-athletic organization, is now in its second season of providing the administrative support and direction for the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP). Our terrific partner, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, continues its role as the major supporter of the SSSF.

MISSION

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation's mission is to introduce young people in grades 12 and under to the shooting sports and to facilitate their continued involvement in the shooting sports. The Scholastic Clay Target Program is the vehicle employed to make this happen.

Youth from the elementary grades through high school are eligible to participate in the safe, educational and enjoyable SCTP clay target sports of Trap, Skeet, Sporting Clays, ISSF Trap, and ISSF Skeet. The SCTP is ideally suited to become a school sponsored Title IX Sport. There is no other sport that offers such an absolutely "level playing field" for gender integration as does the shooting sports. The SCTP is a perfect fit for youth organizations such as Boy Scouts, 4-H, F.F.A., P.A.L., Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs, et al. Any youth organization is welcome to participate in the SCTP.

PROGRAM DESIGN

The SCTP is, by design, a YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM for providing school-aged youth with a positive experience in sports. The program is focused on instilling in young athletes a set of personal values and character traits for fair play, compassionate understanding, teamwork, individual responsibility, sportsmanship, self-discipline, and personal commitment – qualities that will serve them well in sports, but more importantly, serve them throughout their lives.

All SCTP activities incorporate two indispensable elements – SAFETY AND FUN. Safety is incorporated into every facet of ALL SCTP activities. The learning environment at team practices and at competitive shoots is designed to include the element of FUN for all participants. SCTP participants learn the safe and responsible handling and use of firearms. They discover the joy of contributing to a shared team goal and the commitment that goes along with it. During this self-discovery process, team members develop proficiency in a sport that can be shared and enjoyed with family and friends for a lifetime.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

The program is led by trained and dedicated adult volunteer coaches who are committed to providing, promoting, and perpetuating opportunities for their young athletes to safely and enjoyably participate in a high-quality team-based sport. SCTP Coaches take very seriously the responsibility of being role models.

HONORING THE GAME

Competition is clearly a part of the SCTP, an indispensable part; but it is not the underlying principle. The "win-at-all-costs" philosophy has no place in the SCTP. Striving to win while playing by the rules does. Honoring the game, exhibiting good sportsmanship, and being a responsible Team Member, these are the bedrock values the SCTP strives to instill. It is the DUTY of everyone involved in the SCTP – Coaches, Parents, and Athletes - to set good examples for SCTP Team Members to emulate by upholding high moral and ethical standards of personal conduct.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

<u>S.S.S.F.:</u>	SCHOLASTIC SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION
<u>N.S.S.F.:</u>	NATIONAL SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION
<u>S.C.T.P.:</u>	SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM
<u>SCTP Team:</u>	ALL Athletes, Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Adult Volunteers registered under the same Head Coach at a “Home” Gun Club or Shooting Facility in one or more disciplines
<u>SCTP Squad:</u>	The SCTP competitive unit. Consists of five (5) Athletes for Trap and three (3) Athletes for Skeet, Sporting Clays, International Skeet, and Olympic Trap
<u>SCTP Divisions (3):</u> (Except for International Disciplines)	❶Rookie ❷Intermediate, and ❸Senior
<u>SCTP Categories(4)</u> <u>Intermediate (2):</u> <u>Senior (2):</u>	❶Entry Level ❷Advanced Intermediates ❶Junior Varsity ❷Varsity
<u>SCTP Disciplines:</u>	★Sporting Clays ★Skeet ★Trap ★International Skeet ★Olympic Trap
<u>NGB:</u>	National Governing Body
<u>NGB #:</u>	Membership ID # assigned to the participant by the NGB
<u>National Governing Bodies:</u>	Sporting Clays: N.S.C.A. - National Sporting Clays Association Skeet: N.S.S.A. - National Skeet Shooting Association Trap: A.T.A. – Amateur Trapshooting Association International Skeet and Olympic Trap: U.S.A.S. – USA Shooting
<u>Head Coach:</u>	The Team Coach serving as the primary point of contact between SCTP National Administrative Office and everyone involved with the Team
<u>2009/2010 Target Year:</u>	ATA: September 01 – August 31 NSSA: November 01 – October 31 NSCA: January 01 – December 31 USAS: January 01 – December 31 SCTP: September 01 – July 27
<u>Registered Target:</u>	Targets shot at an event sanctioned by the NGB for the discipline
<u>NGO:</u>	Non-Governmental Organization



OFFICIAL RULES

These rules are set forth to ensure the safe and equitable treatment of all SCTP participants. Their enjoyment and safety is our reward.

NEW

RULES THAT HAVE BEEN ADDED OR CHANGED ARE IN RED!

1. SCTP DISCIPLINES AND SANCTIONING BODIES

A. DISCIPLINES

The Scholastic Clay Target Program offers opportunities for TEAMS to participate in the disciplines of **TRAP**, **SKEET**, **SPORTING CLAYS**, **INTERNATIONAL SKEET**, AND **OLYMPIC TRAP**.

B. SANCTIONING BODY

THE SCHOLASTIC SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION (www.sssfonline.org) is the sanctioning body for the Scholastic Clay Target Program (SCTP). The SSSF's National Program Staff is responsible for the management of the SCTP.

C. SCTP PARTNERS – National Governing Bodies for Clay Target Sports

The SCTP has partnered with four National Governing Bodies sanctioning clay target sports in the United States. All SCTP competitive events, including the SCTP State and National Team Championships, will be conducted in accordance with the rules for each of the clay target disciplines as set forth by the appropriate National Governing Body (NGB). See NGB's listed below:

SKEET – National Skeet Shooting Association (NSSA) www.mynssa.com

SPORTING CLAYS – National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) www.mynsca.com

TRAP – Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) www.shootata.com

INTERNATIONAL SKEET & OLYMPIC TRAP – USA Shooting (USAS) www.usashooting.org

Rulebooks for each sport are available directly from the appropriate NGB. Contact an NGB by going to its respective Web site.

2. PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

A. STUDENT STATUS AND AGE

All school-age boys and girls in Grades 12 and under with the physical, mental and emotional maturity to participate in a team sport are eligible to participate in the SCTP. Participants must be bona fide students enrolled in an accredited school or a home-schooled program and deemed academically eligible to participate in school-sponsored sports programs.

SCTP program eligibility ends with graduation from high school, or once a student reaches his/her 20th birthday, whichever comes first. The SSSF National Program Staff has the option to grant a variance for age in view of

special circumstances. High school graduates with graduation dates during the current SCTP Target Year, but before the current year's SCTP National Team Championships, are eligible to compete in their discipline's SCTP State and National Championships. **Some states have a minimum legal age requirement for handling and using firearms – check your state laws!**

B. ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

Team Members must make satisfactory academic progress and be deemed eligible by school officials of their home school for participation in the school's extra-curricular activities including school sports teams.

C. CONDUCT

ALL individuals REGISTERED with the SCTP (Athletes, Head Coaches, and Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers) and those ASSOCIATED with the SCTP (Parents and family members, et al.) **MUST** comply with the conduct requirements stated in the Sportsmanship Contract.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Breaches of the SPIRIT as well as the LETTER of SCTP Rules including stipulations in the Sportsmanship Contract WILL be grounds for SUSPENSION or EXPULSION from the program. Infractions of a National Governing Body's rules will be considered the same as an infraction of SCTP rules. Any sanctions imposed by an NGB or State SCTP Official WILL be recognized and enforced by the SSSF National Program Staff.

3. GROUPING ATHLETES – Divisions and Categories

A. DIVISIONS

There are three competitive groupings or Divisions within each SCTP discipline except for the international disciplines (international disciplines have four divisions, see Section 16-F). These Divisions, determined by **School Grade Level**, are designed to allow participants to compete on a level playing field with one another. **GRADE LEVEL** in school, **NOT AGE**, is the criterion used to populate the Divisions.

All participants in the SCTP must be registered on a specific team for each discipline. Teams may be composed of members from neighborhoods, houses of worship, gun clubs, and youth groups such as 4-H Clubs, Boy Scout Troops, FFA Chapters, J.R.O.T.C. Programs, Venturing Crews, Girl Scouts, Police Athletic Leagues, American Legion Posts and V.F.W. Posts, to name but a few. Students attending a school sponsoring an SCTP Team should shoot for their school.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: State programs may impose more stringent rules on team composition. Please contact your State Advisor for details pertaining to your state's SCTP guidelines. Your State Advisor's contact information is listed on the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org. If your state has created its own SCTP State Web site, the link will be listed under the State Advisor's contact information.

SCTP DIVISIONS (American Disciplines)

ROOKIE DIVISIONGrade 5 and Under

INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONGrades 6-8

SENIOR DIVISIONGrades 9-12

B. CATEGORIES

In order to level the playing field even more, novice Athletes compete in a separate competitive grouping or Category from the more experienced Athletes.

ROOKIE DIVISION (Grades 5 & Under) **NO CATEGORIES IN ROOKIE DIVISION**

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION CATEGORIES (Grades 6-8)

ENTRY LEVEL – 1st year of participation in the Intermediate Division

ADVANCED -- After one year of participation in the Intermediate Division

SENIOR DIVISION CATEGORIES (Grades 9 – 12)

JUNIOR VARSITY – 1st year of participation in the Senior Division

VARSITY – After one year of participation in the Senior Division





C. NEW CATEGORY CLASSIFICATION RULES

1. Athletes in the highest category in ANY SCTP discipline will be classified automatically in that same category in all disciplines for which they are registered. For example, an Athlete in the Intermediate Advanced or Senior Varsity Category in Skeet will be in that category for Trap and Sporting Clays.
2. First-year Athletes in the Intermediate Division will have ONE YEAR to be classified in the Entry Level Category. After one year in the Entry Level Category, Intermediate Division Athletes will be classified in the Advanced Category.
3. First-year Athletes in the Senior Division will have ONE YEAR to be classified in the Junior Varsity Category. After one year in the Junior Varsity Category, Senior Division Athletes will be classified in the Varsity Category.

4. TEAMS – Definition of Terms

A. TEAM FOCUS

The SCTP is a **TEAM-BASED Youth Development Program**. The intent of the SCTP is to provide participants with the opportunity to be a member of a TEAM. A team is composed of a group of individuals who are committed to a common goal and who work together regularly to achieve that goal. Ultimately, to achieve this unity of purpose, team members should spend quality time together in activities other than just shooting. Team Members are required to practice on a regular basis with their team (See Section 5-B, Required Practices) and are expected to participate in team fundraising efforts and community service projects.

B. DEFINITION OF SCTP TEAM

A SCTP Team is defined as a group of individual Athletes registered by and to a Head Coach. There is no upper limit to the number of Athletes on a team. A team may have Squads or individuals in some or all of the Divisions.

C. DISTINCTION BETWEEN TEAM AND SQUAD

A **TEAM** is the entire group of Athletes registered under a Head Coach. Each team is assigned a Team ID Number. **A SQUAD IS A SUBDIVISION OF THE TEAM** and is the competitive unit for SCTP competition.

D. COMPETITIVE SQUAD

A SCTP Squad that meets the Category and Division criteria is considered a valid **COMPETITIVE SQUAD** and is eligible to enter and compete at the SCTP State and National Team Championships.

A valid Competitive Squad for the discipline of TRAP consists of FIVE (5) Athletes. A valid Competitive Squad for the disciplines of SKEET, SPORTING CLAYS, INTERNATIONAL SKEET and OLYMPIC TRAP consists of THREE (3) Athletes.

There is **NO UPPER LIMIT** to the number of individuals that can be registered on a Team; thus, no limit to the number of Squads per Team. **SEVERAL Squads on a single TEAM may be entered in the same competition.**

E. IRREVOCABLE DECISION

Participants may not be a member of nor compete for more than one team in a specific SCTP discipline during any one SCTP season. Once a participant registers with a team in a specific discipline, the decision is an irrevocable one that remains in effect for the entire SCTP season.

F. “CHERRY PICKING”

“Cherry Picking” individuals from within or from outside a state to form either a local team or a “State All-Star Team” is strictly prohibited. “Cherry Picking” is putting together a group of “hot shots”, “all-stars” or a “paper Team” to compete at SCTP State or National Team Championships. This practice runs counter to the letter and the spirit of the SCTP and is expressly prohibited. **ATHLETES AND/OR COACHES VIOLATING THIS RULE WILL BE SUSPENDED AND MAY BE REMOVED FROM THE PROGRAM!**

G. ATHLETE’S ELIGIBILITY FOR SCTP COMPETITIONS

Many SCTP State Championships and all SCTP National Championships are conducted in the summer after the traditional school year has ended. For purposes of determining an Athlete’s eligibility for the 2009-2010 SCTP

Season, the grade level he or she entered in the 2009 Fall Semester is the one that will be used for assignment to a SCTP Division.

Home-schooled students compete in the Division commensurate with their 2009 Fall Semester grade level. High school graduates who were members of an officially recognized SCTP Team during the 2009-2010 School Year are eligible to compete with their Team in the 2010 SCTP State and National Championships.

5. TEAM REQUIREMENTS

A. HEAD COACH

Every Team **MUST** have a **Head Coach who is 21 years of age or older**. The first and foremost responsibility of the Head Coach is to **ENSURE THE SAFETY** of all participants. Head Coaches **MUST** emphasize the safe handling and use of firearms in every facet of the Scholastic Clay Target Program and must be willing to conduct the "Required Practices" as stipulated below in Section 5-B.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: For all SCTP events (practices, matches, etc.), Team Members must be under the supervision of the Team's Head Coach. In the event the Head Coach cannot be present, he/she must designate an Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer who is registered with the Team to provide supervision and leadership. Violation of this rule voids the Volunteer Liability Insurance Policy coverage, disqualifies the Team from entering an event, and may result in the removal of the Head Coach from the SCTP.

B. REQUIRED PRACTICES

Coaches must conduct a minimum of SIX (6) team practice sessions – each on a separate day – for the Team Members with each Team Member shooting a minimum of 25 targets at each practice session. Team Members must attend a minimum of SIX (6) Team practice sessions in order to be eligible to shoot in a SCTP State or National Championships event. Registered shoots are NOT to be counted as practice sessions.

C. TEAM FUNDING

A Team is responsible for its own funding, including practice, travel, and shoot fees.

6. HEAD COACH & ASSISTANT COACH/ADULT VOLUNTEER – Registration Procedures

A. REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Head Coach and all Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers **MUST** register with the SSSF. An Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer is any adult working with one or more SCTP Athletes where they have direct control of the Athlete(s).

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: SCTP Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Adult Volunteers who were registered with the SCTP during the 2008/2009 SCTP season and have a User ID and Password, go directly to Section 6-E, below.

B. HEAD COACH REGISTRATION – (Must be 21 years of age or older)

SCTP Head Coaches are required to complete this three-step registration procedure before starting the Team Registration process:

1. Go to the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org

Click on - "**New Coaches start here**" in the "**Coaches Corner**" box - and follow the on-screen directions to begin the registration procedure. The registration procedure includes three elements:

- ▶ Head Coach Registration Form
- ▶ Background Check
- ▶ "Double-Goal Coach Course"

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Monitor your e-mail for a message providing you with a link to perform your Background Check and Coach Course Code. You will need the Coach Course Code to access the "Double-Goal Coach Course" on the Positive Coaching Alliance Web site.

You will be prompted - step-by-step - to provide the necessary information. Make sure you keep copies of all forms for your records before submitting them. Once you complete the registration process, you will receive by e-mail a Coach User ID Number with Password.

2. Mail the Head Coach Registration Form

Print two copies of the **Head Coach Registration Form**, sign both copies, keep one copy for your files, and mail the other with original signature to the **SCTP NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE – Coach Registration, 56670 Jewell Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315.**

Each HEAD COACH will have his/her contact information posted on the SSSF Web site (www.sssfonline.org) for prospective participants looking to join a SCTP Team in their area or for other Teams looking for Team competition. Listings for Head Coaches will be by state and will include name, e-mail address, telephone number, discipline(s) and city/town.

C. ASSISTANT COACH/ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION – (18 years of age or older)

SCTP Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers are required to complete this registration process before working with Athletes.

1. Go to the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org.

Click on - “**New Coaches start here**” in the “**Coaches Corner**” box - and follow the on-screen directions to begin the registration procedure. The registration procedure includes three elements:

- ▶ Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer Registration Form
- ▶ Background Check
- ▶ “Double-Goal Coach Course”

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Monitor your e-mail for a message providing you with a link to perform your Background Check and Coach Course Code. You will need the Coach Course Code to access the “Double-Goal Coach Course” on the Positive Coaching Alliance Web site.

You will be prompted - step-by-step - to provide the necessary information. Make sure you keep copies of all forms for your records before submitting them. Once you complete the registration process, you will receive by e-mail a User ID Number and a Coach Course Code.

2. Mail the Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer Registration Form

Print two copies of the **Assistant Coach/Adult Volunteer Registration Form**, sign both copies, keep one for your files, and mail the other with original signature to the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, **SCTP National Administrative Office, SCTP Coach Registration, 56670 Jewell Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315.**

D. ACCEPTED COACH CREDENTIALS

A qualified coach **MUST** be on the field at all times when an SCTP Team is practicing or competing. Credentials from the following certificated coach training programs are accepted:

- ▶ USAS/NRA/CMP Coach Certification
- ▶ NSCA Level 1 (or higher) Instructor Certification
- ▶ NSSA Level 1 (or higher) Instructor Certification
- ▶ NRA/ATA Trap Coach Certification
- ▶ NRA Shotgun Instructor Certification
- ▶ State Wildlife Agency Wingshooting/Clay Target Coach Certification
- ▶ 4-H Shooting Sports Shotgun Certification
- ▶ Boy Scouts Shotgun Instructor Certification

Other certificated programs may qualify, please contact the SCTP National Administrative Office for determination.



E. Previously Registered Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Adult Volunteers

Those having registered in the previous SCTP season and have a User ID and Password should go to the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org and login using their User ID and Password to begin the registration procedure:

- ▶ **UPDATE YOUR PERSONAL PROFILE**
 - Ensure ALL information is correct, especially, EMAIL ADDRESS
 - Change Your PASSWORD if you wish
 - Select Your PAYMENT OPTION
 - Copy and Save the REGISTRATION FORM
- ▶ **COMPLETE BACKGROUND CHECK**
- ▶ **COMPLETE “DOUBLE-GOAL COACH COURSE” IF NOT COMPLETED THE PREVIOUS SEASON.**

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Until the registration process is completed, State Advisors, Head Coaches, and Assistant Coaches/Adult Volunteers will be locked out of accessing “Manage Users” and “Manage Teams” on the SSSF Web site.

7. TEAM - Registration Procedures

A. Athlete and Team Registration

Each registered Head Coach is responsible for registering his/her Team by following the three-step process below:

1. Log on to the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org

Click on **Coaches Corner** and under **Form Links**, **DOWNLOAD** and print copies of each form listed below. Make a copy of each form for the number of Athletes you plan to register and distribute the forms to Athletes or their parents to complete, sign, and return to you.

- ▶ **Athlete Registration - Consent & Waiver (SSSF Form “C&W”)**
- ▶ **Sportsmanship Contract (SSSF Form “SC”)**
- ▶ **Medical Consent (SSSF Form “MED”)**

Collect the completed and signed copy of each form for every Athlete you plan to register **BEFORE** beginning the on-line Team Registration process.

2. Log on to the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org

Input your User ID and Password to access **Manage Teams > add new Team** for registering your Team. Follow the on-screen directions to complete the Team Registration. Once the Team is registered, click on **Manage Teams > Athletes > Add New Athlete** button to complete the on-line registration process. The Athlete Registration-Consent & Waiver Form registers individual Athletes, the Team Registration Form registers the Team with the SSSF. Print copies for your files. To pay the Athlete Registration Fee, go to **Manage Teams > Missing Payments**. There you can choose to Pay by Check or Pay by Credit Card.



HEAD COACHES OF RETURNING TEAMS: There is no need to re-register, just update your Team's information using 'EDIT' under **Manage Teams**.

After updating your Team's information, click on:

- ▶ **Manage Teams > Athletes > edit** to update an Athlete's profile.
- ▶ To delete or add an Athlete, go to **Manage Teams > Athletes** and follow the on-screen directions.
- ▶ To pay the Athlete Registration Fee, go to **Manage Teams > Missing Payments**. There you can choose to Pay by Check or Pay by Credit Card.

3. Mail Forms to SCTP National Administrative Office

Copies of the **ATHLETE REGISTRATION - CONSENT & WAIVER FORM** and the **SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT FORM** should be signed in ink, stapled together, and sent to the SCTP National Administrative Office for each Athlete registered. No one will be registered without these forms on file at the SCTP National Administrative Office. These forms are required for ALL registered Athletes even if they are 18 years of age or older. A parent or legal guardian's signature is required for anyone under 18 years of age. The **Head Coach** keeps the **MEDICAL CONSENT FORM** with original signature (signed in ink) on file. For your protection, please retain copies of ALL forms submitted to the SCTP National Administrative Office. **The Team ID Number must be included on all communications to the SCTP National Administrative Office.**

B. REGISTRATION DEADLINE

The DEADLINE for **TEAM** Registration for each discipline is **thirty (30) days PRIOR** to THAT DISCIPLINE'S SCTP State Team Championship. The on-line registration system will be locked out on May 01, 2010. Head Coaches wishing to register Teams or add Athletes to their Team roster after that date must contact the SCTP National Administrative Office.

8. SAFETY – Required Procedures and Equipment

A. SUPERVISION AT SCTP EVENTS

For all SCTP events (practices, matches, etc.), team members must be under the supervision of the Team's Head Coach. In the event the Head Coach cannot be present, he/she must designate an Assistant

Coach/Adult Volunteer who is registered with the Team to provide supervision and leadership. Violation of this rule voids the Volunteer Liability Insurance Policy coverage, disqualifies the team from entering an event, and may result in the removal of the Head Coach from the SCTP.

B. REQUIRED EYE AND EAR PROTECTION

ALL SCTP registered Athletes, coaches, and anyone on the shooting field MUST wear EYE AND EAR PROTECTION during ALL SCTP practice and competitive events.

C. SPECIAL SCTP SAFETY RULE FOR ALL DISCIPLINES

1. **Toe Pads** – The use of toe pads is forbidden. It is a violation to rest the muzzle on the foot. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
2. **Foot Wear** – Shooting in flip-flops or opened-toed shoes/sandals is prohibited. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.
3. **Muzzle Control** – While on a shooting post or station, the muzzle must never cross any part of the shooter's anatomy or any other person's anatomy. Violation of this rule may be grounds for disqualification.

D. SPECIAL SCTP SAFETY RULE FOR AMERICAN SKEET

Unless specifically approved to do otherwise by the Head Coach, competitors must load only ONE shotgun shell when shooting their single high and low house American Skeet targets. A Head Coach may approve an Athlete on his/her team to load two shells on singles if, in the judgment of the Head Coach, the Athlete can handle the situation safely.

E. ALLOWABLE EQUIPMENT – SHOTGUN AND SHOTSHELLS

1. **SHOTGUN** – Any shotgun action type, 12 gauge or smaller, may be used as long as it is in a safe and serviceable condition. Shotguns used for all the disciplines, except for Trap, must be able to shoot twice without requiring it to be reloaded.
2. **SHOT SHELLS** – Reloads are **ALLOWED** for practices and competitions, provided they comply with the discipline's NGB rule for payload weight and in some cases, velocity.

9. DRESS AND CONDUCT

A. APPROPRIATE DRESS

Each registered SCTP participant, whether Athlete, Coach, or Adult Volunteer, represents not only the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation, but also the entire Scholastic Clay Target Program including one's team, the team's sponsoring institution (e.g., school, club, church, community organization, youth organization, etc.), and at the national level, their state. Promoting a positive image is in the best interest of the SCTP and everyone involved with it. Appropriate dress goes a very long way in making a positive impression.

1. **TOPS** – Items of clothing that expose any part of the torso are prohibited. These include, but are not limited to, cutoff T-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, etc.
2. **BOTTOMS** – Short shorts and low riding shorts or pants revealing undergarments or buttocks are prohibited.
3. **CLOTHING ADORNMENTS** – Shirts, hats, pants – any clothing – and any other associated items carried, worn, etc., with pictures, caricatures, designs, messages, writings, or other embellishments with direct or indirect references to alcohol, tobacco, sex or sexual connotations, drugs, gambling or profanities are prohibited.

B. CONDUCT

Acts of using abusive or profane language, displaying unsportsmanlike conduct (includes but not limited to: arguing with referees; unsafe handling/use of firearms; disrupting a competitor; cheating, etc.),

consuming alcohol or using proscribed drugs before or during any SCTP activity are prohibited, will not be tolerated, and are grounds for disqualification, suspension, and expulsion from the program.

HONOR THE GAME, TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT, AND FOLLOW THE RULES!

10. GOVERNANCE OF THE SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

A. SSSF NATIONAL PROGRAM STAFF

The SSSF National Program Staff is responsible for the administration of the SCTP and is the arbiter and final decision making authority for resolving SCTP issues. It is committed to optimizing **Participation** opportunities for SCTP Athletes. That commitment includes ensuring that no SCTP Athletes are disqualified due to circumstances beyond their control. Special circumstances may be brought to the attention of the SSSF National Program Staff at the following address:

**SCHOLASTIC SHOOTING SPORTS FOUNDATION
SCTP NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
56670 Jewell Road
Shelby Township, Michigan 48315
E-Mail address: admin@comcast.net
Web site: www.sssfonline.org**

B. SCTP STATE ADVISORS and SCTP STATE STEERING COMMITTEES

SCTP State Advisors are the SSSF's "point person" for the SCTP in the state. As frontline representatives, State Advisors focus upon providing coaches with up-to-date program information, maintaining open lines of communication with gun clubs sponsoring SCTP Teams, working with State Wildlife Agencies to develop cooperative agreements, partnering with established youth organizations, and actively pursuing support for the SCTP from the various NGB state associations.

During the SCTP State Team Championship, State Advisors are there to assist Head Coaches in the procedures for registering their team and to ensure a procedure is in place for keeping and posting teams' scores. State Advisors certify the winning teams' scores to the SCTP National Administrative Office.

It is highly recommended that the State Advisor actively recruit a SCTP State Steering Committee composed of stakeholders from state agencies, NGO's, school administrators, high school athletic directors, NGB's, organized youth groups, et al. This committee can plan and conduct the statewide program. Several states are currently using this model to operate their SCTP by recruiting regional coordinators for maintaining ongoing contact with clubs and teams in their region.

C. APPEALS

Before an appeal is submitted to the SCTP National Administrative Office, the aggrieved party must first submit the issue for redress at the local level (i.e., the team or club). Failing resolution at the local level, the issue must be submitted to the State Advisor (or to the State Steering Committee if the complaint involves the State Advisor) for resolution. If the issue cannot be resolved at the local or state levels, then, and only then, after these avenues for have been exhausted, the State Advisor may certify the issue is unresolved and must forward the appellant's SCTP APPEAL FORM to the SCTP National Administrative Office.

D. APPEAL PROCESS

1. **Issue in Dispute** - The issue in dispute must involve a violation of a specific SCTP rule or policy.
2. **Qualified Appellant** - The injured or aggrieved party MUST be a registered SCTP Athlete with the Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation and a member of a SCTP Team officially recognized by the SSSF. Appeals from anyone other than a SCTP Athlete WILL NOT be considered.
3. **Head Coach Concurrence** - Appeals filed by an SCTP Athlete must have the concurrence of the athlete's Head Coach. The Head Coach must sign the SCTP Appeal Form.
4. **Filing Procedure** – If all efforts at the local level to resolve the issue have failed, the eligible appellant must submit a written appeal on the **SCTP APPEAL FORM** (download it from the SSSF Web site www.sssfonline.org) within 72 hours of the incident to the State Advisor or State Steering Committee specifying which SCTP rule or policy was violated and a statement of facts as to how the rule or policy was violated. The complaint must include the date and specific location of the violation and the names of any

witnesses to the violation. In the event no State Advisor or State Steering Committee exists, appeals may be transmitted directly to the SCTP National Administrative Office via FAX or e-mail, but a written hard copy with the date and an original signature must be also be submitted and received before any decision is reached is announced.

5. **Filing Fee** - All appeals must include a \$50 filing fee (cashier's check or money order only) that will be held until a decision on the appeal is reached. This fee will be returned if the ruling is in favor of the appellant. If the ruling is not in favor of the appellant, the filing fee is forfeited.
6. **National Program Staff Response to Appellant** - Within ten (10) days of the receipt of the mailed copy of the appeal, the appellant will receive a written notice of the decision on the appeal. The appellant has the right to appeal the National Program Staff's decision to the SSSF's Board of Trustees. The decision of the Board of Trustees is **FINAL**.

11. **SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (American Disciplines)**

A. **STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

SCTP Teams entering valid Competitive Squads may compete for Team awards in the following disciplines:

- ▶ **TRAP – 16-Yard Singles (A.T.A. Rules)**
- ▶ **SKEET – American Skeet Regulation Rounds (N.S.S.A. Rules)**
- ▶ **SPORTING CLAYS – Walk Through (N.S.C.A. Rules)**



NEW RULE: If a sporting course is not available, the State Advisor may petition the SCTP National Program Staff for permission to conduct the SCTP State Sporting Clays Championship on a 5-Stand or Compak Field. The SCTP National Sporting Clays Championship will be shot on a walk through Sporting Clays Course.

B. **ELIGIBILITY FOR SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

A SCTP State Team Championship MUST BE conducted in each discipline for which a state plans to send a Squad to the SCTP National Team Championships for that discipline. SCTP Athletes must compete in the SCTP State Team Championship(s) in the state where they are registered and in the discipline(s) for which they are registered to be eligible to attend the SCTP National Team Championships.

C. **RACES**

Rookies shoot a 100-target race in each of the disciplines. The Intermediate and Senior Division Teams normally shoot 200-target races in the disciplines of Trap and Skeet. Sporting Clays can be either a 100 or 200-target race.

D. **EVENT SCHEDULING**

Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays SCTP State Team Championships may be held whenever desirable during the state NGB affiliates' championships. In some cases, due to overcrowding at an NGB State Shoot, scheduling conflicts, or for other reasons, the SCTP State Team Championship may be held independently at a different time and place. In either case, the State Advisor of the discipline must contact the SCTP National Administrative Office with the event details.

E. **COMPETITIVE SQUAD**

ALL SQUADS entering a SCTP State Team Championship must be deemed a valid COMPETITIVE SQUAD (see Section 4-D, Competitive Squad). **Head Coaches may enter as many COMPETITIVE SQUADS as they wish in the SCTP State Team Championships.**

ALL Team Members should be encouraged to participate in the SCTP State Team Championship even if they cannot be made part of a valid COMPETITIVE SQUAD. State Advisors will assist in amalgamating "Mixed Squads" of SCTP participants not entered on a Competitive Squad.

"Mixed Squads" are NOT eligible to compete for SCTP Team Awards.

F. **SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES RULE – "BUMP UP"**

In exceptional circumstances where a valid Competitive Squad cannot be constituted, Athletes may be elevated or "Bumped Up" to a higher Category within a Division or to a higher Division in order to fill short squads in a single discipline or multiple disciplines. . All "Bump Up" requests must first be submitted to the State Advisor for a recommendation. State Advisors will communicate their recommendation to the SSSF National Program Staff for

a final decision. If there is no State Advisor in the state, the request must be submitted directly to the SCTP National Administrative Office.

Once a lower Category or Division Athlete has been “BUMPED UP” in a discipline, he or she must compete at the higher level in that discipline for the remainder of the SCTP Season. In no case will a “BUMPED UP” Athlete be allowed to return to a lower Category or Division in the discipline during that SCTP season.

G. NGB TARGET REGISTRATION

The National Governing Bodies for Targets registered at SCTP State Team Championships are the following:

1. **TRAP** – Amateur Trapshooting Association (A.T.A.).
2. **SKEET** – National Skeet Shooting Association (N.S.S.A.).
3. **SPORTING CLAYS** – National Sporting Clays Association (N.S.C.A.).

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: TARGETS CANNOT BE REGISTERED RETROACTIVELY

12. SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (American Disciplines) – Entry Procedures

A. STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

Entry into a SCTP State Team Championship requires the Head Coach to submit a SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD ENTRY FORM to the SSSF National Headquarters for each SQUAD entered. This form **MUST** be submitted electronically through the Login page of the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org. Once a coach has logged in by entering their Login ID and Password, he or she can build a Squad for the event.

Submitting Squad Entry Forms electronically through the Web site has several advantages. The Squad Entry Form will be immediately available to the State Advisor for the discipline and to the SSSF National Program Staff.

SQUAD ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DESIGNATED SCTP STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.



FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SQUAD ENTRY FORM IN A TIMELY MANNER WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFYING THE SQUAD FOR SCTP TEAM AWARDS.

Head Coaches that do not have access to the Internet should contact either their SCTP State Advisor or the SCTP National Administrative Office for assistance with the Squad entry procedure.

Changes may be made to Squad Entry Forms, by Head Coaches, through the SSSF Web up to 72 hours prior to the SCTP State Team Championship for a specific discipline, so long as the substitution does not alter the division and category of the Squad. **The SCTP National Administrative Office must approve any change that affects a Category or Division.** Head Coaches should print off a revised Squad form to submit to the State Advisor upon registering for the State Team Championship event. After 72 hours, Head Coaches will need to contact the State Advisor (or authorized shoot manager for the event if State Advisor is unavailable) for the event to make any last minute adjustments.

Head Coaches are urged to emphasize to their Athletes the importance of making a commitment to the TEAM and keeping it. Simply put, if a team member indicates he or she will attend the event, they have an obligation to the team and particularly to their squad mates to attend the event.

B. ENTRY DEADLINE

All SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD ENTRY FORMS MUST be completed through the SSSF Web site no later than 21 days prior to the designated SCTP State Team Championship for the discipline entered. NO SQUAD will be entered in any SCTP State Team Championship event without an appropriate Squad Entry Form on file with the SCTP National Administrative Office.

C. ENTERING ALL TEAM MEMBERS - MIXED SQUADS

Every Athlete registered by the 30-day deadline on an officially recognized SCTP Team is eligible to shoot at the SCTP State Team Championship. Athletes who were not registered for the event by the 21-day deadline may participate in the SCTP State Team Championship, but they may not be made part of a Competitive Squad. The State Advisor (or authorized shoot manager for the event (if State Advisor is unavailable) will assist in amalgamating “Mixed Squads” of SCTP participants not entered on a Competitive Squad.

“MIXED SQUADS” ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR SCTP TEAM AWARDS.

D. SQUAD SUBSTITUTIONS

Changes may be made to the SCTP State Team Championship Squad Entry Form prior to the event. Substitutes must be members of the team that have met the 30-day Team Registration Rule.

The Head Coach for the team is the only person allowed to make changes to Squad Entry Form. The changes may be made through the SSSF Web site up to 72 hours before the SCTP State Team Championship event for the discipline. Once the 72-hour deadline has passed, Head Coaches will need to contact the State Advisor for approval prior to registering the squad at the shoot.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: NO SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed after a competitor fires the first shot at a legal target. Once a Squad Member fires at a legal target in ANY SCTP State Team Championship event, his/her score will be counted as part of the Squad's aggregate score even if he/she cannot finish the event.

Squad Entry Forms submitted on the SSSF Web site will be visible to the appropriate State Advisor immediately. If the SCTP State Team Championship is to be held in conjunction with an NGB affiliate's state shoot, the State Advisor should immediately inform the shoot management of the number of SCTP entries. If problems are encountered with scheduling, the SCTP State Team Championship may be a stand-alone event (see Section 11–D, Event Scheduling).

13. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (American Disciplines) – Scoring, Shoot-offs, and Awards

A. SCORE TABULATION AND POSTING

The State Advisor (or designated representative) checks and posts ALL squad scores. Scores should be posted as soon as possible at the event site and on the SSSF Web site (see Section 13-E, Web Posting of Scores).

B. SHOOT-OFFS REQUIRED

In the event of a tie between or among Squads for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in the same Category or Division, a shoot-off will be conducted to determine the champion or place of finish. Shoot-offs will be conducted only to break ties between or among SQUADS. Ties in all three disciplines will be settled by shoot-offs.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: A SQUAD qualifying for a shoot-off MUST shoot in the shoot-off OR its score from the main event will be entered as its final score. ONLY those Squad Members who qualified the Squad for the shoot-off will be allowed to participate in the shoot-off. NO SUBSTITUTIONS!



C. SHOOT-OFF PROCEDURES

For Shoot-offs in all disciplines, ties between two squads or ties among several squads will be broken shooting “MISS AND OUT.”

- 1. TRAP** – All squads in a shoot-off for a specific Category or Division award will be conducted on the same trap field. Shoot management will determine squad shooting order randomly by a coin toss if two squads are tied or a drawing if three or more are tied. The initial shoot-off round will be shot from the 16-yard line. A “round” consists of five targets attempted per squad member. Squad members shoot all shoot-off targets from the SAME post, i.e. their first post on the squad.

Round One - The squad selected to lead off goes to the 16-yard line and occupies the same posts as it did in the event. The next squad lines up directly behind the lead-off squad. If there are other squads in the shoot-off, they line up behind the second squad, and so on.

ALL Squad Members must shoot in the first shoot-off round. The leadoff squad begins shooting in the standard shot-to-shot post rotation with each member shooting FIVE targets. At the end of the five-target round, any shooter missing a target is eliminated from the competition. Squad members who break all five targets are still “ALIVE” and continue on to Round Two. The lead-off squad exits the line and the second squad takes the line and follows the same shoot-off procedure. If more squads are in the shoot-off, they continue the same process.

In the event that every squad in a shoot-off round has no squad member who breaks all five targets, the total number of targets broken by the squad during the round will be used to determine the winner. If there are tie scores between or among squads, the tied squads are still “ALIVE” and continue on to the next round.

Round Two – Two or more squads with competitors still “ALIVE” from Round One move back to the 22-yard line with their squad mates and continue the same shoot-off process. The squad that shot second in Round One now becomes the lead-off squad. If more than two squads in the shoot-off, the lead-off squad from Round One will shoot last. Squad members breaking all five targets are still “ALIVE” and continue on to Round Three.

Round Three – Two or more squads with competitors still “ALIVE” move to the 27-yard line and follow the shoot-off procedures used in the preceding two rounds. If there are competitors on different squads who break all five targets in Round Three, they are still “ALIVE” and continue on to the next round. The next and all required subsequent rounds will be shot from the 27-yard line. Shoot management may exercise the prerogative to speed up the targets and increase the angles of departure from the trap until one squad with the “LAST SHOOTER(S) STANDING” is declared the winner.

2. **SPORTING CLAYS** – Shoot-offs may be conducted on a Walk-Through Sporting Clays course, a 5-Stand field, or a Compak layout. Shoot-offs for a specific Category or Division award will be shot on the same station MISS AND OUT.

The Shoot Director will choose the target presentation and may change the presentation between rounds (each pair attempted is considered a “round”) so long as all shoot-off participants shoot the same presentations. All target presentations will be TRUE PAIRS. ALL Squad Members must shoot in the first shoot-off round, each shooting from the same cage or stand. Shoot management will determine squad shooting order randomly by a coin toss if two squads are tied or a drawing if three or more are tied.

Any shooter missing one or both targets is removed from the competition except for the following conditions:

- a. If NONE of the shoot-off participants hit a target, then all shooters are still “ALIVE” and move to the next round in the shoot-off.
- b. If NONE of the shoot-off participants hits both targets, but some hit one target, then only those hitting one target are still “ALIVE” and move to the next round in the shoot-off.

Shooters that are “ALIVE” continue to repeat the process until one squad with the “LAST SHOOTER(S) STANDING” is declared the winner.

3. **SKEET** – All shoot-offs will be DOUBLES shot on the same field from stations 2, 6, 3, 4, 5 in that order, “MISS AND OUT BY STATION”. ALL Squad Members must shoot in the first shoot-off round. Shoot management will determine squad shooting order by a coin toss if two squads are tied or a drawing if three or more are tied. Squads in the Shoot-offs for a specific Category or Division award will shoot on the same field.

ALL Squad Members begin the shoot-off at Station 2. Any shooter missing one or both targets is removed from the competition except for the following conditions:

- a. If NONE of the shooters break a target, then all shooters are still “ALIVE” and move to the next station in the shoot-off.
- b. If NONE of the shooters break both targets, but some break one target, then only those breaking the target are still “ALIVE” and move to the next station in the shoot-off.

Shooters that are “ALIVE” continue the process in the following rotation: From Stations 2 to 6, 6 to 3, 3 to 4, 4 to 5, 5 to 4, 4 to 3, 3 to 4, (for order of the first target to shoot on each station consult N.S.S.A. Rules) and so on, until one Squad having the “LAST SHOOTER(S) STANDING” is declared the winner.

D. **CERTIFICATION OF STATE WINNERS**

The SCTP State Advisor or Designated Representative for each discipline submits the SCTP State Team Championship Squad Entry Forms for the top three scoring SQUADS in the competition, separated by Division and Category, and indicating in the box the place (i.e., 1st, 2nd, 3rd) the Squad finished. These forms are electronically submitted through the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org.

E. **WEB POSTING OF SCORES**

State Advisors and/or Head Coaches should post the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place squad scores for each Division and its associated Categories to the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org. Child protection issues require that posted scores list only the Athletes' names and their scores. Additional information may include the Coach's name, names of the Squad and Team, and the City or Town. Procedures for posting scores: **Login > Scores > Post New Scores > follow on-screen directions by uploading a PDF file with the names and scores. Posting of ALL competitors' scores for the event is highly recommended.**

F. SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation will provide awards for the winning Squads placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Division and Category at the SCTP State Team Championships in Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. Each Squad Member and the Head Coach for each of these Squads will receive similar awards.

14. SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (American Disciplines)

A. NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

SCTP Teams entering valid Competitive Squads may compete for Team awards in the following disciplines:

- ▶ **TRAP – 16-Yard Singles (A.T.A. Rules)**
- ▶ **SKEET – American Skeet Regulation Rounds (N.S.S.A. Rules)**
- ▶ **SPORTING CLAYS – Walk Through (N.S.C.A. Rules)**

ALL DISCIPLINES WILL BE REGISTERED TARGET EVENTS. MEMBERSHIP IN THE APPROPRIATE NGB IS REQUIRED.

B. EVENT LOCATION AND DATES

SCTP National Team Championships for the American disciplines of Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays will be held July 21–24, 2010, at the World Shooting and Recreational Complex in Sparta, Illinois.

C. ELIGIBILITY FOR SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (American Disciplines)

TRAP, SKEET, AND SPORTING CLAYS: Each registered Competitive Squad must have competed in ITS state's SCTP State Team Championship for each discipline it chooses to enter in the SCTP National Team Championship. Each Squad's scores from its SCTP State Team Championship event must be on file at the SCTP National Administrative Office. SCTP Athletes NOT on a valid COMPETITIVE SQUAD may register and shoot at the SCTP National Team Championships for the experience as a non-Competitive Squad IF they shot at their SCTP State Team Championship.

D. RACES

Rookies shoot a 100-target race in each of the disciplines. The Intermediate and Senior Division Teams will shoot 200-target races in the American disciplines of Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. **ALL TARGETS SHOT AT THE SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL BE REGISTERED TARGETS.**

E. SQUADS

ALL COMPETITIVE SQUADS (see Section 4-D) are welcome to enter the SCTP National Team Championships. **Coaches may enter as many COMPETITIVE SQUADS in the SCTP National Team Championships as they choose to enter.**

F. SQUAD SUBSTITUTIONS

Head Coaches of valid COMPETITIVE SQUADS entered in the SCTP National Team Championships are allowed to make TWO (2) substitutions to the rosters of Trap squads and ONE (1) substitution to the roster of Skeet and Sporting Clays squads. Additional substitutions may be allowed with specific approval of the State Advisor and SSSF National Program Staff. In order to be eligible as a substitute, one must be a registered member of the Team and must have participated in his/her SCTP State Team Championship event.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: NO SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed after a competitor fires the first shot at a legal target. Once a Squad Member fires at a legal target in the SCTP National Team Championship event his/her score will be counted as part of the Squad's aggregate score even if he/she cannot finish the event.

G. ALL REGISTERED TEAM MEMBERS ELIGIBLE

Every Athlete registered by the 30-day deadline for an officially recognized SCTP Team and who shot in his or her SCTP State Team Championship event is eligible to shoot at the SCTP National Team Championships. Teams unable to place every team member on a Competitive Squad by the Registration Deadline may take ALL team

members to the shoot for the experience, but only on a non-Competitive Squad. The SSSF National Program Staff will form amalgamated "Mixed Squads" of SCTP participants not entered on a valid Competitive Squad.

"MIXED SQUADS" ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR SCTP TEAM AWARDS.

15. SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (American Disciplines)

A. NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

Entry into the SCTP National Team Championships requires the Head Coach to submit a SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD ENTRY FORM to the SCTP National Administrative Office for each SQUAD entered. The SCTP National Team Championship Squad Entry Form **MUST** be submitted electronically through the Login page of the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org. Once the coach has logged in by entering the Login ID and Password, he or she can build a Squad for the event.

Submitting entry forms electronically via the SSSF Web site has several advantages. The Squad Entry Form will be immediately available to the State Advisor for the discipline and to the SSSF National Program Staff.

SQUAD ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SQUAD ENTRY FORM IN A TIMELY MANNER WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFYING THE SQUAD FOR SCTP TEAM AWARDS.

Changes may be made to Squad Entry Forms, by Head Coaches, through the SSSF Web up to 72 hours (See Section 14-F, Squad Substitutions) before the SCTP National Team Championship event, so long as the substitution does not alter the Division of the Squad. **The SSSF National Program Staff must approve any change that affects a Category or Division.** Head Coaches should print off a revised Squad Entry Form to submit to the State Advisor upon registering for the SCTP National Team Championships.

Head Coaches are urged to emphasize to their Athletes the importance of making a commitment to the TEAM and keeping it. Simply put, if a team member indicates he or she will attend the event, they have an obligation to the team and particularly to their squad mates to attend the event.

B. ENTRY PROCEDURE

Registration and entry procedures will be conducted on-line through the SSSF Web site www.sssfonline.org. Forms and instructions will be posted by June 01, 2010.

C. SHOOT-OFF PROCEDURES

Shoot-Off procedures for the SCTP National Team Championships will be the same as those used for SCTP State Team Championships (see Section 13-B and C, above).

D. SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AWARDS

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation will provide awards for the winning Squads placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Category and Division in Trap, Skeet, and Sporting Clays. Each Squad Member and the Head Coach will receive a similar award.

E. DECLARATION OF WINNING SQUADS

The SSSF National Program Staff will declare all winners. Results will be posted on the World Shooting and Recreational Complex's SCTP Scoreboard as soon as all the scores have been carefully checked. ALL squad scores may be posted on the SSSF Web site (see Section 13-E, above).

DECISIONS OF THE SSSF NATIONAL PROGRAM STAFF ARE FINAL

16. SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS (International Disciplines)

A. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

SCTP Teams entering valid Competitive Squads may compete for Team awards in the following disciplines:

- ▶ **OLYMPIC TRAP – Regulation Rounds (U.S.A.S. Rules)**
- ▶ **INTERNATIONAL SKEET – Regulation Rounds (U.S.A.S. Rules)**



B. ELIGIBILITY FOR SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

SCTP State Team Champions in International Skeet and Olympic Trap are decided at State Junior Olympic Qualifier Matches. A SCTP State Team Championship **MUST BE** conducted in each discipline for which a state plans to send a Squad to the SCTP National Team Championships. SCTP Athletes must compete in the SCTP State Team Championship(s) in the **STATE WHERE THEY ARE REGISTERED** and in the discipline(s) for which they are registered in order to be eligible to attend the SCTP National Team Championships.

C. SCHEDULING AN EVENT: MATCH HOSTING AND SANCTIONING

U.S.A. Shooting is the official sanctioning body for the Junior Olympic program. Teams wishing to compete in the international disciplines should check with U.S.A. Shooting for the event schedule for their state (see Section 17-G below for contact information).

In the event there is no State Junior Olympic Qualifier Match (JOQM) scheduled for your state, your club may apply to host it. Host Applications must be submitted by the **DEADLINE DATE** of February 05, 2010. State Junior Olympic Qualifier Matches must be held between February 27, 2010, and May 30, 2010. USA Shooting has established these dates as the only time period for holding a match and will grant no exceptions. All clubs hosting a State Junior Olympic Shooting Championship must be registered as an official U.S.A. Shooting Club. All competitors must be U.S.A. Shooting Members in order to qualify for the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championship.

Download a Host Application from the U.S.A. Shooting Web site and submit it along with a sample match program and a letter stating the case for why your club is qualified to host a State JOQM for the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships to:

U.S.A. Shooting
Competition's Office
U.S. Olympic Training Center
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

D. SHOOT GOVERNANCE

U.S.A. Shooting Rules will govern ALL SCTP State Team Championship Matches for the Olympic Trap and International Skeet disciplines.

E. STANDARD SCTP RULES APPLY

The SCTP rules governing deadlines for team, squad, and athlete registration in Sections 2, 4, and 5 as well as the safety rules in A, B, and C of Section 8 and Section 9 above are applicable to the International Disciplines. The rules regarding the number of required team practices and the requirement that the Head Coach or another **ADULT REGISTERED WITH THE TEAM** be present at all practices and competitions must also be met. There are some new **SPECIAL RULES** that apply only to the international disciplines (see Sections 16-F, below).



F. SPECIAL SCTP RULES FOR INTERNATIONAL DISCIPLINES

Due to the specialized nature and limited availability of facilities for SCTP Teams to participate in the international disciplines of Olympic Trap and International Skeet, there are two changes to the rules. A new **COMPETITIVE DIVISION** has been added and the rules for a valid **COMPETITIVE SQUAD** have changed.

1. FOUR COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS – SCTP Teams may register squads in the following Divisions:

ROOKIE DIVISIONGrade 5 and Under
INTERMEDIATE DIVISIONGrades 6-8
SENIOR DIVISIONGrades 9-12
OPEN DIVISIONGrades 12 and Under

2. COMPETITIVE SQUAD – Squads competing for SCTP State Team Championships in the Rookie, Intermediate, and Senior Divisions are composed of three team members registered in the SAME DIVISION, but without regard to their registered CATEGORY. Squads competing for the SCTP Team Championship in the Open Division are composed of three TEAM members from ANY of the other THREE DIVISIONS. ALL squad members must be individual members of U.S.A. Shooting.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: Athletes may be entered in **ONLY ONE SCTP DIVISION** per target year. Once entered, it is an irrevocable decision for the remainder of the SCTP Target Year.

G. SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY PROCEDURES (International Disciplines)

Entry into a SCTP State Team Championship requires the Head Coach to submit a SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SQUAD ENTRY FORM to the SSSF National Headquarters for each SQUAD entered. This form **MUST** be submitted electronically through the Login page of the SSSF Web site at www.sssfonline.org. Once a coach has logged in by entering their Login ID and Password, he or she can build a Squad for the championship.

Submitting Squad Entry Forms electronically through the Web site has several advantages. The Squad Entry Form will be immediately available to the State Advisor for the discipline and to the SSSF National Program Staff.

SQUAD ENTRY FORMS ARE DUE 21 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP



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FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SQUAD ENTRY FORM IN A TIMELY MANNER WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFYING THE SQUAD FOR SCTP TEAM AWARDS.

Head Coaches that do not have access to the Internet should contact either their SCTP State Advisor or the SCTP National Administrative Office for assistance with the Squad entry procedure. Every Athlete registered by the 30-day deadline on an officially recognized SCTP Team is eligible to shoot at the SCTP State Team Championship.

Changes may be made to Squad Entry Forms by Head Coaches through the SSSF Web site up to 72 hours prior to the SCTP State Team Championship for a specific discipline. Once the 72-hour deadline has passed, Head Coaches will need to contact the State Advisor for approval prior to registering the squad at the shoot.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE: NO SUBSTITUTIONS will be allowed after a competitor fires the first shot at a legal target. Once a Squad Member fires at a legal target in at ANY SCTP State Team Championship event, his/her score will be counted as part of the Squad's aggregate score even if he/she cannot finish the event.

Head Coaches are urged to emphasize to their Athletes the importance of making a commitment to the TEAM and keeping it. Simply put, if a team member indicates he or she will attend the event, they have an obligation to the team and particularly to their squad mates to attend the event.

H. SCTP STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS (International Disciplines Only)

The Scholastic Shooting Sports Foundation will provide awards for the winning Squads placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each of the FOUR Divisions. Each Squad Member and the Head Coach for each of these Squads will receive similar awards.

17. SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS – (International Disciplines)

A. SCTP NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

SCTP Teams entering valid Competitive Squads may compete for Team awards in the following disciplines:

- ▶ OLYMPIC TRAP – Regulation Rounds (U.S.A.S. Rules)
- ▶ INTERNATIONAL SKEET – Regulation Rounds (U.S.A.S. Rules)

B. CHAMPIONSHIP LOCATION

The SCTP National Team Championships will be contested during the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships scheduled for July 17-24, 2010, at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

C. ELIGIBILITY FOR SCTP TEAM AWARDS

Each registered Competitive Squad must have competed in ITS state's SCTP State Team Championship event in order to be eligible to compete for Team awards at the SCTP National Team Championship. In addition, EACH Squad member's score must meet the Minimum Qualifying Score (MQS) shot at a sanctioned match (see Section 17-E, below). For a Squad to be eligible for SCTP Team Awards, the MQS for EACH Squad Member must be on file at the SCTP National Administrative Office.



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D. STANDARD AND SPECIAL SCTP RULES

Both the standard and special SCTP rules that govern the SCTP State Team Championships are also applicable at the SCTP National Team Championships. These rules are stated above in Section 16 E and F.

E. NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC SHOOTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

As the SCTP National Team Championships are run concurrently with National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships, there are some very specific score requirements put forth by U.S.A. Shooting that must be met in order to receive an invitation to attend the event. EACH Squad member of a SCTP Squad must have shot a SCTP Qualifier Score at a sanctioned match in order to be eligible to attend the SCTP National Team Championship.

SCTP QUALIFIER SCORES (125 TARGETS)

BUNKER - 100
WOBBLE - 100
SKEET - 100

F. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Qualified SCTP Athletes will receive an invitation directly from U.S.A. Shooting. Qualified Squads will receive a Registration Materials Packet from the SCTP Administrative Office.

G. Contact for Latest Rules

The rules for qualifying were generated by U.S.A. Shooting and may be subject to change. The place to get the latest information on the NJOSC is directly from the U.S.A. Shooting's Competition Office. Contact Nicole Levine by telephone at (719) 866-4882 or through e-mail: nicole.levine@usashooting.org.

18. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

A. SOLICITATION ACTIVITIES

Organizations and individuals desiring to solicit financial contributions or other assistance from local businesses or other third parties to support their participation in the SCTP must do so in their own names. Organizations and individuals are strictly prohibited from using the SSSF name and SSSF's non-profit classification or claiming affiliation with the SSSF or any of the SSSF's affiliate companies in their solicitation activities, without the sole written consent of the SSSF.

Organizations and individuals accepting financial contributions or other assistance in connection with their participation in the SCTP shall be solely responsible for collecting, recording, disseminating, substantiating and reporting all contributions or support they receive. Neither the SSSF nor the SCTP shall be responsible for any activities that organizations or individuals may engage in with respect to their participation in the SCTP. Any questions regarding tax deductibility should be directed to your financial advisor.

B. SCTP LOGO

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19. CONTACT THE SCHOLASTIC CLAY TARGET PROGRAM

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